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## IMPROVEMENT IN FARMING DAVIS SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Acting Director Davis of the War Finance Corporation, in a statement today, noted marked improvement in the condition of the agricultural industry and a better outlook for business generally on the basis of April 1, reports from corporation agencies, "Livestock producers and farmers generally," the statement said, "are reported much more confident because of improved market conditions. "Bank deposits have increased in many agricultural communities and the country banks are generally in a stronger position than they have been for a long time. "Best of all, confidence is returning and with it the trend of business is toward a restoration of normal conditions all along the line." Up to March 31, the statement said, the corporation had approved loans aggregating \$322,825,697, of which \$214,187,761 was to banks, \$58,897,816 to co-operatives, and \$50,250,120 for export purposes.

## GRADUATE OF MCMILLAN IS MARRIED THURS.

The marriage of Miss Mary Carolyn Wilson of Molino to Earnest George Allen of Hines, Minn., took place here Thursday. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. G. Reavis. Miss Wilson is a graduate of McMillan High School and taught at Beagles for one term. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson of Molino. The bridegroom was born in England and came to America with his parents several years ago. He was employed for some time on the farm of John Johnson, fifteen miles from Mexico. The young couple will make their home in Hines, Minn. The Ledger extends sincere best wishes.

## WESTMINSTER GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT HERE

The Westminster College Glee Club will give a concert in Hardin College Auditorium on April 11. The tour to be made by the club this year will be the first one for several years. A fine musical organization has been assembled under the direction of a former Mexico boy, Sims Rixey. There will be fourteen musical numbers on the program and a one-act play "The Bride Ideal" will be given in the intermission. Twenty-two men will make the trip including an orchestra which is composed of men from the club.

## BRAIN FEVER IS FATAL TO MRS. GURWELL

Mrs. John Gurwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jesse of W. Carrio Street died Wednesday in Jefferson City. Death was caused by brain fever. The body was brought to Mexico and the funeral held Friday. Mrs. Gurwell was about 23 years old and was survived by her husband, small daughter, her parents and several brothers and sisters. The Ledger extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

## ARE MEMBERS OF FORCE AT THE NEW STORE

The manager of the Wolf-Berger store, which held its formal opening in Mexico Monday, is M. W. Goldsmith. The other members of the force are: Miss Mary Nichols, Mrs. Emma Delfuth, Mrs. Lee, Miss Edmonston, Miss K. Desert, Miss M. Dodd, Mrs. Buckley, Miss Abington and Raymond Perley.

Marriage License Issued Monday. A marriage license was issued here Monday to Marvin Barnes and Frances Ruth Barnes, both of Centralia.

## AUDRAIN ROAD WORK WILL START SOON

(The Sturgeon Leader.) L. W. Spangler and Charles Mackey, contractors, who have the contract for the spring work to be done on the road from the Randolph-Audrain county line east to Mexico, are busy making preparations to start this work. They plan to work around 25 men and as many teams as they can keep busy in the work of grading, fixing and putting in culverts on this road. Nearly all of the road will be widened and work done on it. From the road a mile north of town running west, which will keep much tourist trade from our town, on to the Randolph line there will be continuous work done on the road, except for the steel bridge near G. W. Pollard's residence. This will be left as it is. West from this point there will be work done only in the bad places on into Mexico. Both of the contractors are here and so is J. C. Haggerty of Jefferson City, project engineer, who will represent the state highway department and superintend the work, secure right-of-ways and see that the work is in accordance with the specifications of the highway department. Haggerty is now busy getting data, etc., at the Larrabee railroad crossing with the view of tunneling under the track at this point, instead of grading up to the track. All railroad crossings are avoided and wherever possible the road is made to go under the track. The contractors are paying 20c per hour for a single man and 40c per hour for a man and team. Htmidloa? Supo etaoi etaoionau

## NORTH STATE HIGHWAY HAS GOOD CLAIM

The North State Highway has a good point in its favor in its claims for the location of the 1,500 miles of primary highway to be designated by the State Highway Department in the fact that there are practically no grade crossings on this route from Moberly to St. Louis. The two in Audrain County will be eliminated soon and when that is done there will be only two in this stretch of highway. The State Highway Commission met in Jefferson City March 14 and the chief engineer and special consulting engineer were ordered to inspect roads immediately and in sixty or ninety days to make their report. Grade crossings are so dangerous that to secure federal aid they must be eliminated whenever possible. The new law provides for the improvement of 1,500 miles of high type road. Following the report of the engineers representatives of the various highways will lay their claims before the commission.

## PRESBYTERIANS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING WED.

A good sized crowd attended the annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation Wednesday evening in spite of the disagreeable weather. The report showed the church to be in a better condition financially than in years. Twelve thousand dollars was collected during the year which is one-third larger than the amount last year. During the year \$7,000 was given to benevolences by the local church. Thirty additions were made to the church during theyears and the Sunday School also has had a marked growth. Committees were appointed to conduct the year's work and plans made for young people's work. Extensive improvements will be made in the Sunday School room in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Max Betterly and daughter, Jane, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kreutzer enroute from Iowa to their home in St. Louis.

## The Bad Roads

The recent rains have made all the more apparent the need for better roads and we hope that before another year passes Audrain will be showing the results of the better highway program in Missouri. Road dragging has improved the highways so much that we seldom have the rutted, impassable roads of ten years ago, but we still suffer from mud and mud-holes sufficiently to impress the need for improvement. Once the new program becomes a fact we will wonder how in the world we ever did without 365-day-a-year roads. Good roads will do more than many suspect toward forcing Missouri to the front. Just watch the future of this state and see if this prophecy isn't true.

*L. Mitchell White*

## FARM CLUB NEWS

**FARM CLUB MEETINGS**  
(Send us your dates)  
**CEDAR GROVE FARM CLUB**—Every Thursday night.  
**BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB**—Every Friday night.  
Molino meets every other Friday night.  
**CANADA**—Meets first Monday night each month at 7:30. W. H. Batterson Secretary.  
**MACEDONIA**—First and third Wednesdays.  
**PISGAH**—First and third Tuesdays.  
**PINE**—First and third Mondays.  
**DANIEL**—First and third Tuesdays.  
**FOX**—First and Third Friday nights. D. Miller, President, John O'Brien, Secretary.  
**PAYNE**—Every second and Fourth Friday nights.  
**OAK GROVE**—Third Monday night of each month.  
**ELM BEND**—First Monday night of each month.  
**GATEWOOD**—President Lewis Callaway, secretary F. L. McGee.  
**BENTON CITY**—Starting February 9th meets Thursday night every two weeks.  
**LIBERTY**—Meets First and Third Wednesday evening of each month. Lon Smith, president; Martellus Barnes, secy.  
**PAYNE**—Second and Fourth Friday nights.  
**JACKSON**, 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights.  
**HICKORY GROVE**—Every other Wednesday night. Carver Brown, President, Carl Renner, secretary.  
**CORNETT**—Every other Friday night. Curtis Houchin, president; Sherman Howell, secretary.  
**CAUTION**—Second and fourth Friday nights. L. J. Gollon, president; W. J. Kennedy, secretary.  
The Benton City farmers' club meets twice a month at the school house.  
Erisman meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Pres. F. S. Skelley; Secy. Robert Ray.  
BRYAN meets 4th Tuesday each month. Pres. Ross Ewing, Secy. Marion Boulware.

## MEXICO BOY ON VICTORIOUS DEBATING TEAM

William Walker Johnson of Mexico was a member of the Westminster College debating team which defeated the team from the Kansas State Normal of Pittsburg at Fulton Monday night. The Fulton Sun in giving an account of the debate praises Mr. Johnson as follows: "Johnson's rebuttal brought forth an interruption of spontaneous applause that marked the turning of the tide."

**Business Improving.**  
The list of automobile sales announced in the Auto Sales Co., advertisement for the month of March is a good indication that business conditions in this section are improving.

Alice McDowell, niece of C. E. De Garmo of Vandalia, has re-enrolled in the Chillicothe Business College to complete her work in the Complete Business Training Department.

Mrs. Arthur Heberer is home from St. Louis where she has been in the Baptist Sanitarium.

Mrs. J. A. Powell of Humbolt, Kas. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell.

The Dry & Sappington Aluminumware sale Wednesday was attended by the usual big crowd.

Rena R. Jenkins of Columbia was in Mexico Tuesday.

## AUGUST MEYER DIES FRIDAY OF HEART DISEASE

August Meyer, one of Mexico's oldest merchants, died at his home on North Jefferson Street at 5:30 Friday afternoon. Mr. Meyer had been ill for three weeks with heart trouble. Mr. Meyer was born in Brunswick, Ind., Feb. 16, 1866 and lived there until he was about 20 years old. He then moved to Dyer, Ind., and learned the harness business which he followed until his death. About thirty-five years ago Mr. Meyer came to Mexico and went into business. In 1892 he was married to Miss Annie Weber of this city. Mr. Meyer was a member of the Evangelical Church and was a splendid type of Christian, of high integrity, always genial and a devoted father and husband. During the thirty-five years he was engaged in the harness business in Mexico he made many warm friends who join the Ledger in extending deep sympathy to the relatives. Besides his wife he is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. T. J. Rowe of Centralia and Miss Martha Meyer of Mexico; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Meyer of Chicago; a brother, Henry Meyer of Mexico and a sister, Mrs. Christine Meyer of Chicago. The funeral services were conducted from the home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. A. A. Wallace.

## GEO. KELLERHALS MAKES RECORD AS SALESMAN

George Kellerhals of Mexico has the distinction of having paid for \$744,000 of Kansas City Life Insurance during the first year he acted as salesman for the company. Mr. Kellerhals decided to sell life insurance eighteen months ago after his hardware store burned and he had no capital to re-invest. In telling of his success M. Kellerhals says, "You never can tell just who is or might be a prospect and you are liable to miss selling a policy whenever you pass up anybody." With this in mind Mr. Kellerhals has made the above mentioned success in Mexico, a city which has twenty-six life insurance salesmen. Before shooting a lot of statistics and figures at your prospect you must convince him that he needs protection according to Mr. Kellerhals.

Plenty of 'Gas', U. S. Finds.  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 31.—Officials of the Federal Bureau of Mines have assured the Automobile Club of Missouri that there is no danger whatsoever of a gasoline famine. There is a supply ample to meet the demands of the 10,505,600 automobiles and trucks now in use in the United States, the bureau reported, with enough besides to care for the 20 per cent increase in motor vehicles predicted for this year.

**Rock Fishers Beware.**  
Frank Middleton, State Game and Fish Warden, a former Mexico boy, was in this city Tuesday and said he was looking for rock fishers. He expects to get after these violators of the law strong this year. He stated he had heard there were quite a number of rock fishing in and about Mexico.

Chautauqua August 26 to Sept. 1  
The Mexico Chautauqua will be from August 26 to September first this year.

Ms. W. H. Brown has returned from Columbia where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. J. S. Asberry.

Arthur Bruton of Centralia was in Mexico Friday.

Harry Stocks, who has been ill, is again able to be out.

Mrs. R. V. Blanchard is visiting in Columbia.

B. Jameson of Fulton was a Mexico visitor Friday.

E. C. Kenson of Laddonia spent Monday in Mexico.

Miss Addie Culwell of Laddonia came to Mexico Monday.

L. F. Perry of Rush Hill came to Mexico Friday.

## EDWARD RODHOUSE DIES AT HOME HERE THURSDAY

Edward Rodhouse died at his home on Fairground avenue at 7 o'clock Thursday evening after an illness of several days. Appendicitis and complications were the cause of his death. Mr. Rodhouse was born on a farm three miles west of Mexico December 12, 1870 and spent his entire life in Audrain County. Seventeen years ago he moved to Mexico and became a rural mail carrier, which position he held up to his death. He was married twenty-eight years ago to Miss Addie Griffin and seven children were born to them, six of whom are still living. They are: Charles Edward Rodhouse of Vandalia; and Mrs. J. J. Wanstreet, Mrs. Russell Null, James Henry Rodhouse, Ruth and Thomas Elmer of Mexico. During his long residence here Mr. Rodhouse made a large number of friends who will feel his death keenly. He was a most devoted father and always ready to help those less fortunate than himself. Besides his wife and children Mr. Rodhouse is survived by a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Rodhouse of Columbia and two brothers T. W. Rodhouse of Columbia and C. W. Cowman of Bakersfield, Cal. He was a devoted member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America. Concerning Mr. Rodhouse's service as a rural carrier from the Mexico Post Office, Postmaster W. R. Jackson issued the following statement Friday: "Edward Rodhouse began service as a rural carrier at the Mexico Post Office April 1, 1905. Death terminated a faithful, conscientiously-performed service that lacking but one day covered a period of seventeen years. This long continued service was rendered on Route No. 1 from this office. Needless to say that he was known and respected by every man, woman and child whom he served. His accommodating ways and kindly regard for the welfare of his patrons endeared him to them most sincerely. His regard in this office is a highly meritorious one that will serve as a splendid example to those who may follow him in public service. He will be sadly missed by those associates who have served with him in this office and who will remember him for his kindly and considerate regard for his fellow men." The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Baptist Church. The Rev. J. H. Hughes had charge of the services. The funeral services of Edward Rodhouse, who died Thursday evening were held Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. J. H. Hughes. The pallbearers were rural mail carriers.

## E. A. SULLIVAN WINS SACK OF FLOUR OFFERED BY J. C. KING SATURDAY

E. A. Sullivan won the 100 pound sack of flour Saturday which was offered by the J. C. King Grocery Company for the person bringing in the largest number of eggs from his own flock. The second prize of an assortment of canned goods went to C. B. Stonaker and the third, eight pounds of coffee to Mrs. Crum. H. L. Berry won the first prize for fourteen consecutive years in this annual contest and last year he was disqualified as it was thought some one else should receive the prize.

## Flavel Gentry Dead.

A clipping from a Texas newspaper has been handed us announcing the death of Flavel Gentry, 61 years old, formerly of this city. He died March 26 and was well known in this city where he was in business for many years.

## Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon.

Dr. A. A. Wallace will preach the sermon at the baccalaureate services of McMillan High School this year. These services will be held in the Presbyterian Church.

S. M. Carter, 96 years old, of Hannibal, died Monday in that city. He was well known in Mexico. He was connected with the National Bank of that city.

Ross Cauthorn has purchased the Gooch home, formerly the Bragg property, on the east Boulevard. This is one of the nicest homes in Mexico.

Dr. J. G. Moore is home from a delightful visit to Sarasota, Fla.

## MEXICO ROTARY GETS MUCH PUBLICITY

The following clippings from the Muskogee, Okla., papers, tell in a small way the wide publicity given Mexico by the local Rotary Club on their recent visit there. The Muskogee Times-Democrat said: "The fellow in the Mexican sombrero is from Mexico, Mo." "There are not so many of these wild looking chaps, but they're making a bit of noise. There are only 21 members of the club, and 17 of them are on the job at or near the headquarters of the club at the door of the Severs hotel. "They brought no women along. He travels the fastest who travels alone," say the delegates, so they loaded up with a six-piece orchestra, a rattling quartet and two prize bantam-weight prize fighters. "We'll show you," is their slogan." The Muskogee Daily Phoenix, with a seven column banner head featuring Mexico, Mo., said: "The Mexico Rotary Club was host at one of the most interesting luncheons of the day, held at Odd Fellows hall. "With some really good music and a well prepared talk by Doctor S. J. Vaughn, president of Hardin College, which is located in Mexico, those who were the guests of the club considered themselves fortunate. "Doctor Vaughn's talk was centered around the responsibility of Rotarians for occurrences which might be construed as 'none of their business.' He urged the men to take an active interest in the returned soldier, even if it isn't your business, because though he might wear a smile on his face he might also be shell-shocked and gassed. "Captain Raymond Moore of the Missouri Military Academy and Miss Dorinda Bruce, a former Hardin college girl, sang a duet, after which Miss Bruce rendered several solos. The academy quartette was also a feature on the program. "A little diversion from music and oratory was furnished when Joe Thompson and Jimmie McGrath, flyweights, fought a 3-round battle to a draw. Both are from the academy."

## BIG LAND CASE HERE ON CHANGE OF VENUE

The case of the Board of Regents of Lincoln University at Jefferson City for the recovery of money paid for some land in 1921 has been brought to the Audrain Circuit Court on a change of venue from Cole County. The petition alleges that an 18-acre tract of land was purchased from W. M. Ruwart for the sum of \$27,000 on April 30, 1921 by T. S. Mosby and Howard Cook who were then members of the board of regents. On August 6, 1921 C. H. Kershner became president of the board of regents and shortly after that time the petition alleges that it was discovered that of the sum supposed to have been paid Ruwart received only \$18,000.

## COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION IS IN SESSION

The County Board of Equalization composed of the three members of the County Court, the assessor, surveyor, sheriff and county clerk will be in session this week and part of next to give hearings to the various townships in the county and the city of Mexico concerning the valuation of property. The mayor of Mexico, the city assessor will also sit with the board during the hearing for Mexico.

Ministers to Speak at High School. Two Mexico ministers will speak at assembly at McMillan High School this week and two next week. Lent and Easter will be the topics of their talks.

Mrs. Glenn Bafford has gone to Centralia where she has been called on account of illness of her brother.